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FROM: C 2

SUBJECT: GENERAL: Operational
SPECIFIC: RLB-2760

1. Washington has asked the question: "If Amil GHURI is the leader of the Mufti's terrorist organization in Lebanon, as reported by C 2 in RLB-2760, where do ABU-BAYTI and ANDAH fit into the picture?"

C 2 says that Amil GHURI is considered by the Lebanese government, and, as far as is known, by the ex-Ground Mufti, as the head of the A.H.C. in Lebanon. In this position, he is regarded as the head of the terrorists. It is one of the reasons that ANDAH and ABU-BAYTI wish to throw him out of the A.H.C. Just how much control GHURI has, or how large a group would follow him, is open to question. ANDAH thinks he could get the group to follow him if GHURI was out.

Another question asked by Washington, but not relating to the above report, is the reason for the dislike between the ex-Ground Mufti and ANDAH. C 2 says that they were friends until the war started with the Jews. During the war, ANDAH wanted to be top dog under the Mufti. The Mufti preferred ANDAH and the rift started. It deepened with ANDAH charging the Mufti with ill advised actions during the Palestine war.

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